

31. A device for sharing a user's personal information with a host computer in a networked computing environment, the device comprising:

means for gathering personal information from a user of a computer network;

means for storing the user's personal information at a first network server;

means for receiving, at the first network server, a request for the user's personal information from another network server; and

means for sending the requested information to the other network server.

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In the abstract:

Replace the abstract with the following version.

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-- A host-based system for sharing personal information of a network user with the resources accessed by that network user. The host-based system generally involves either or both of two data stores, referred to as passport and wallet. Passport and wallet are host-based collections of routinely requested personal information and can be maintained independently or collectively. A user with a populated passport or wallet can pass selected information to web sites, automatically or with very little effort, to enable an enhanced browsing experience or to assist in the completion of an online transaction. --

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